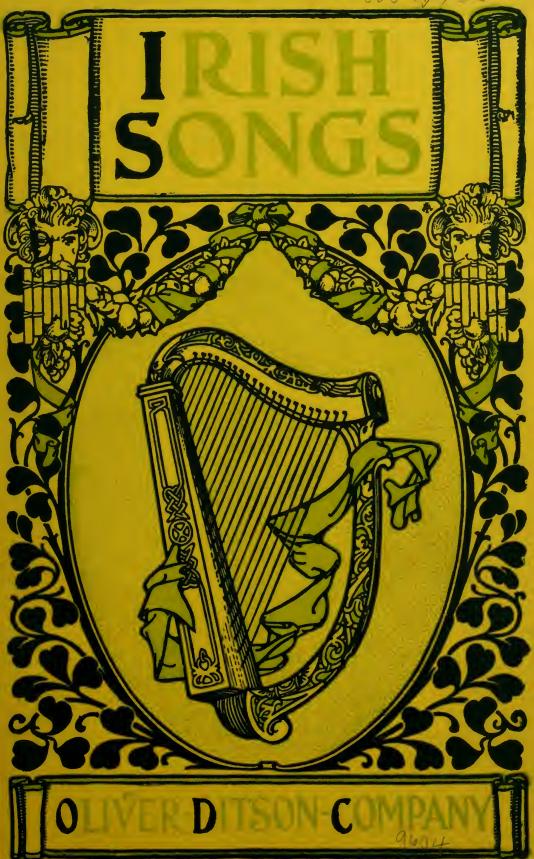


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PREFACE

In the preparation of this volume the editor has sought: — First, to meet the demand for a goodly representation of the best loved songs of Ireland; second, to enrich the collection with some of the less known but equally beautiful airs; third, to supply accompaniments in keeping with the spirit of each song; and fourth, to present authentic versions of both text and music.

While the airs that have become most popular possess some peculiar attraction in rhythm, melody, or sentiment that has made them linger in the heart, there are other airs less direct, perhaps, in their appeal but more subtle in their charm. In the nature of things such airs are less widely known. Quite a sheaf of them are to be found in this volume. They possess uncommon beauty in music and text, together with the true Celtic flavor, and must appeal to lovers of the artistic in Folk Song everywhere.

Apart from the melodies of Old Ireland, some of the modern popular Irish songs have been incorporated.

The field of Irish music is large, and but a gleaning can be given in a single volume. The editor hopes that this work will give the public a small part, at least, of the pleasure it has given him in its preparation.

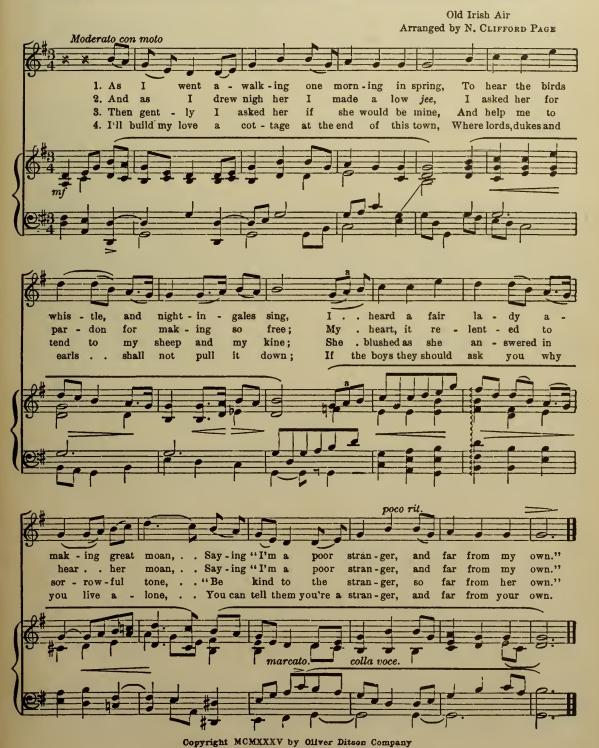
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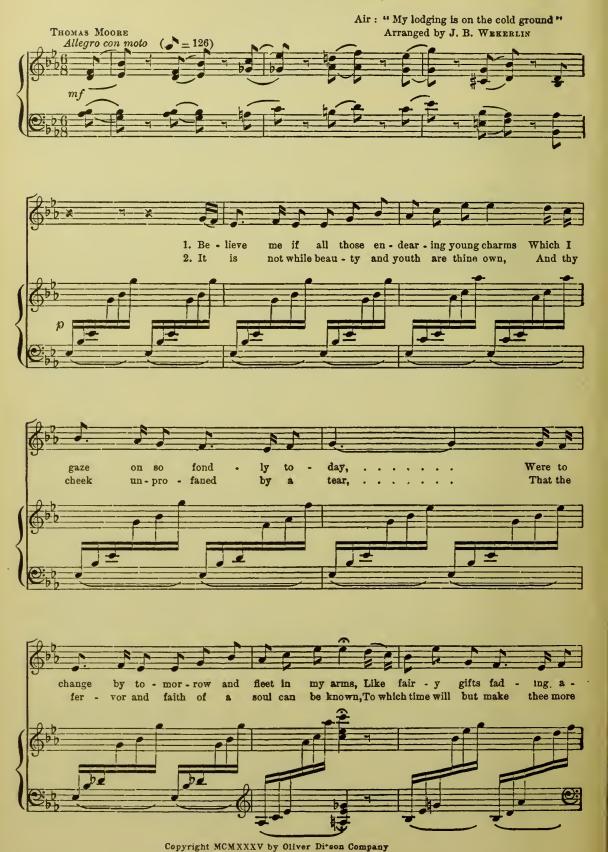
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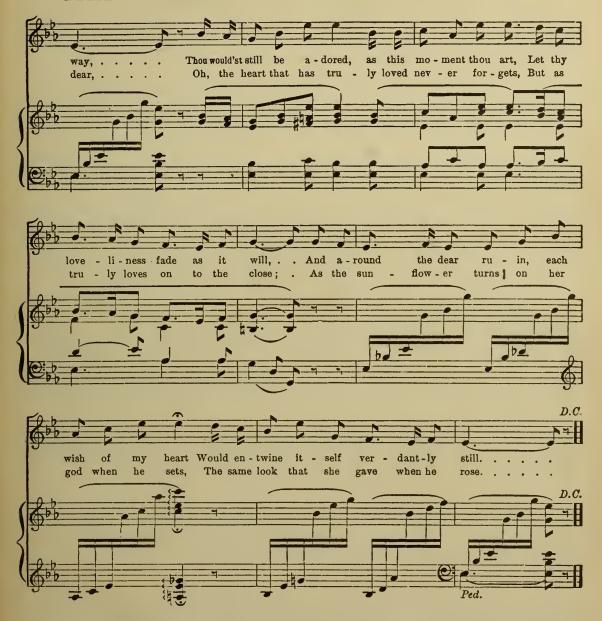
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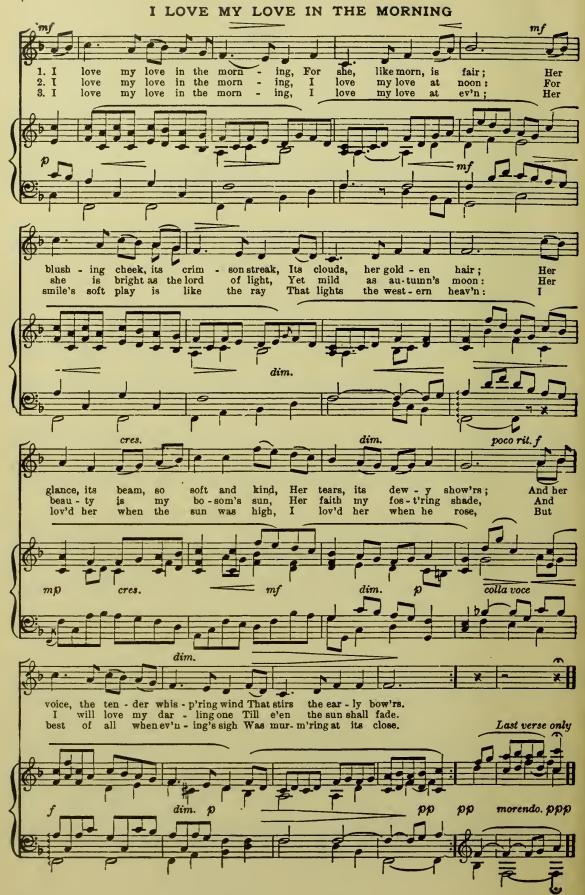




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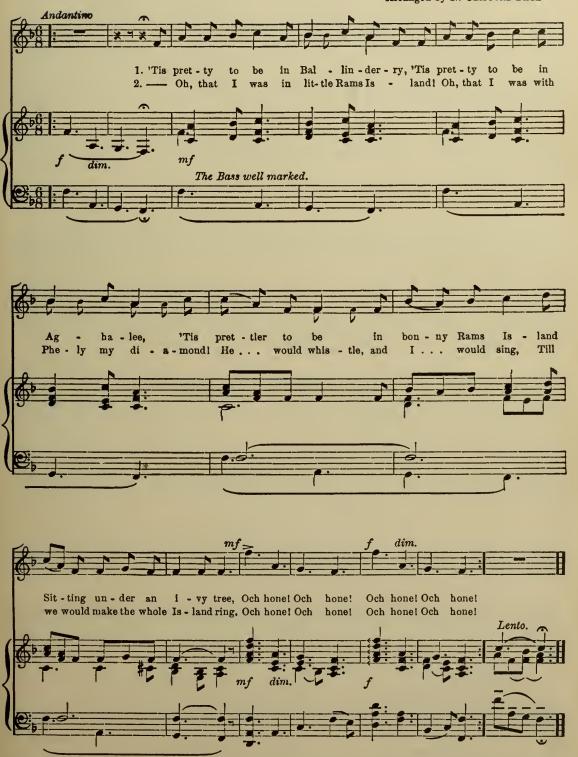


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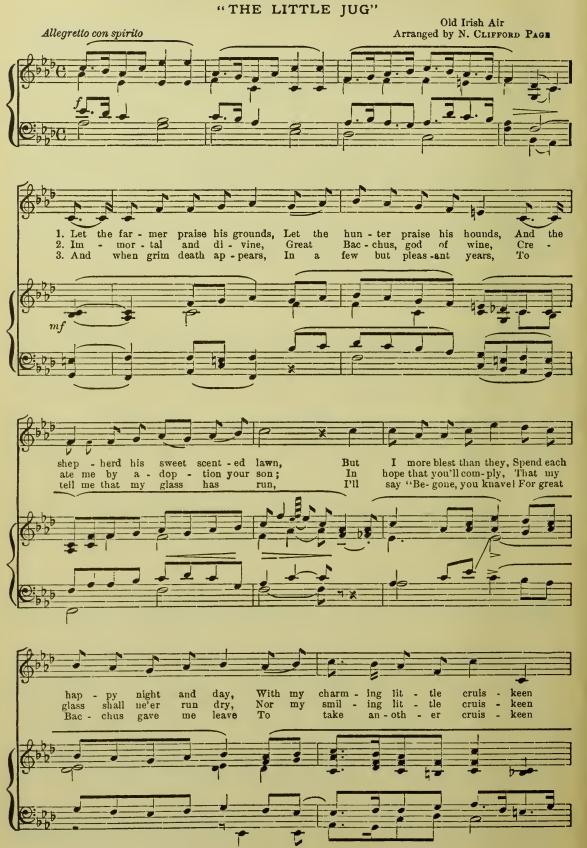
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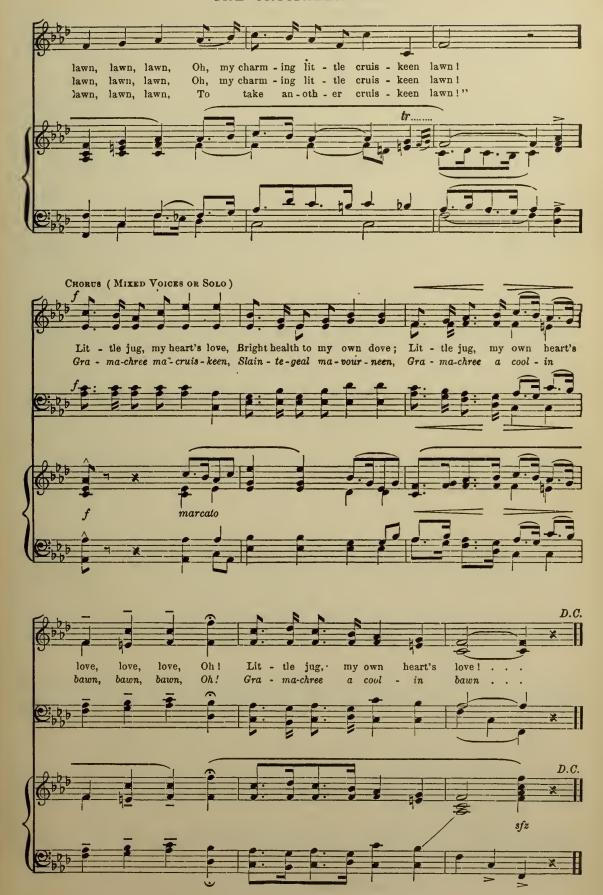


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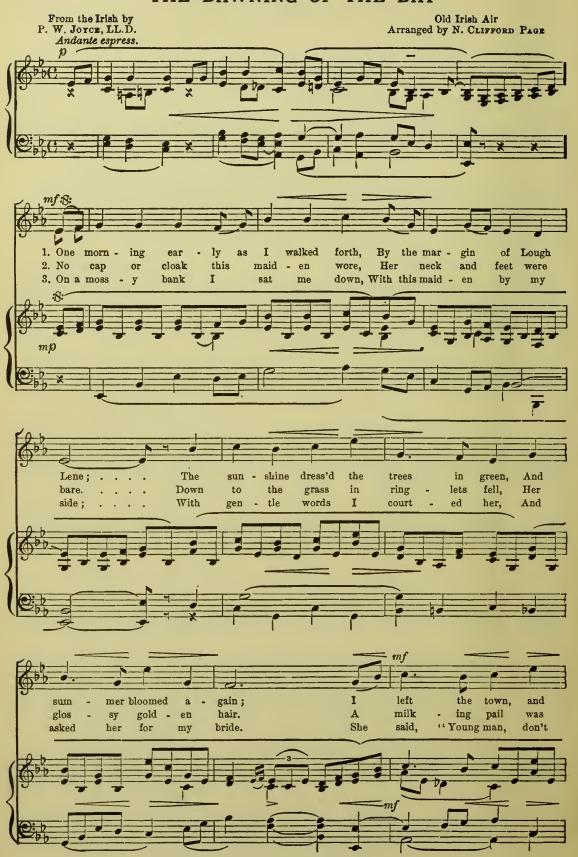
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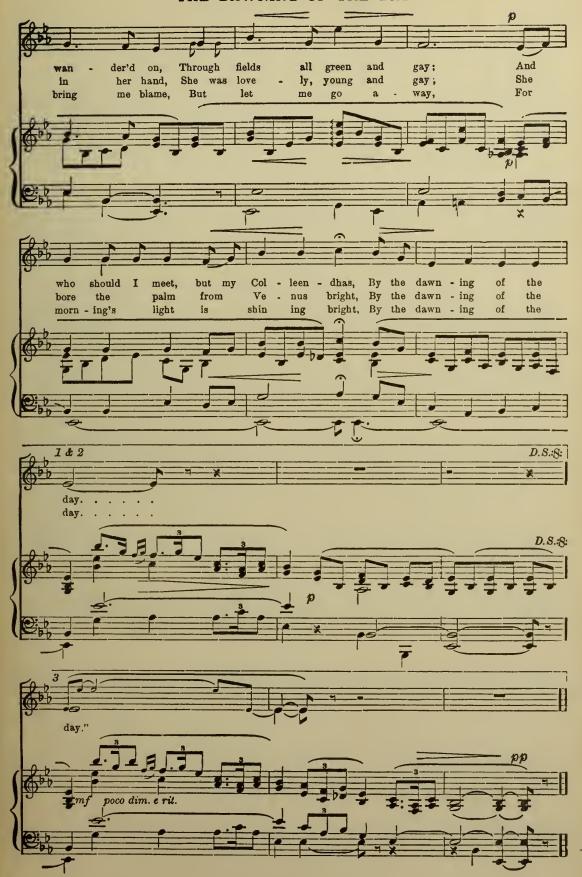
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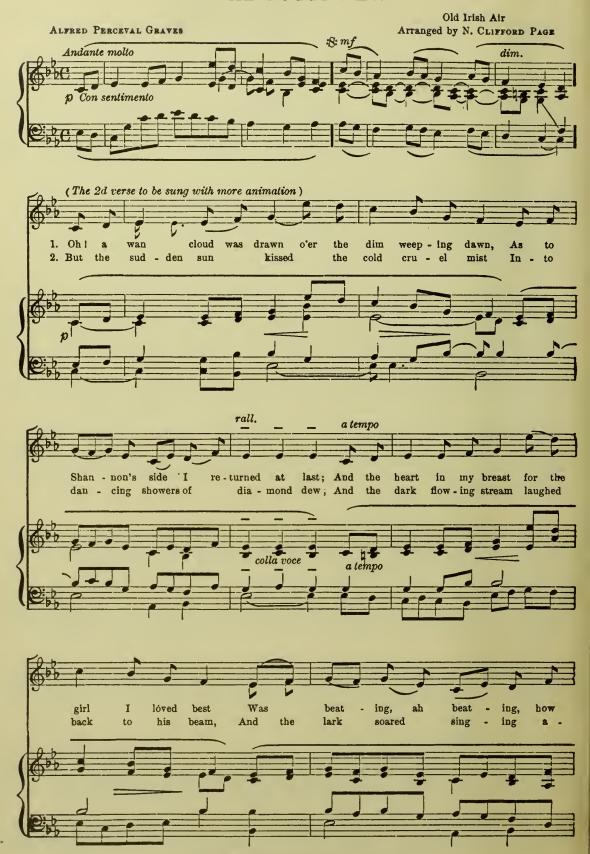
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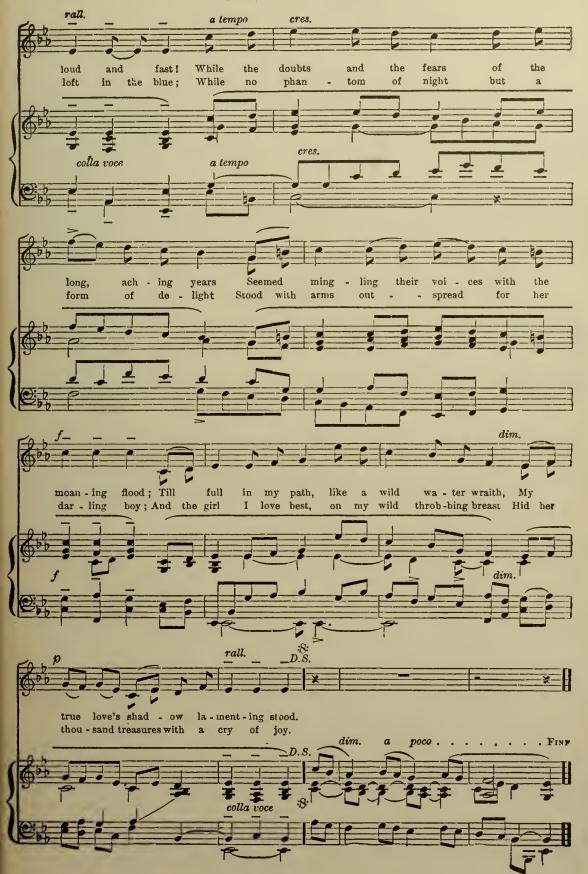
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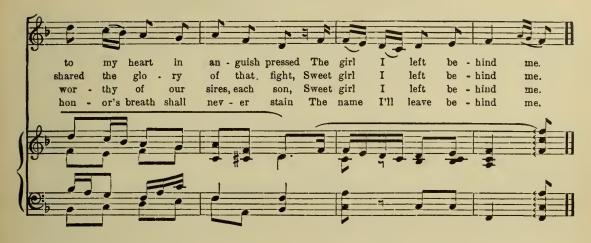


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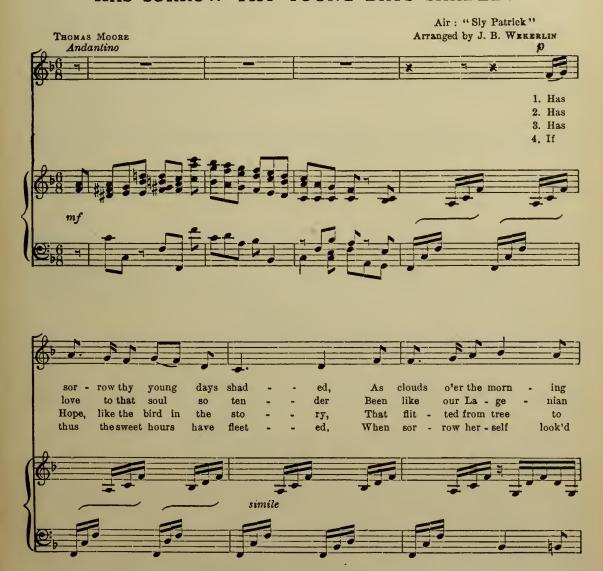


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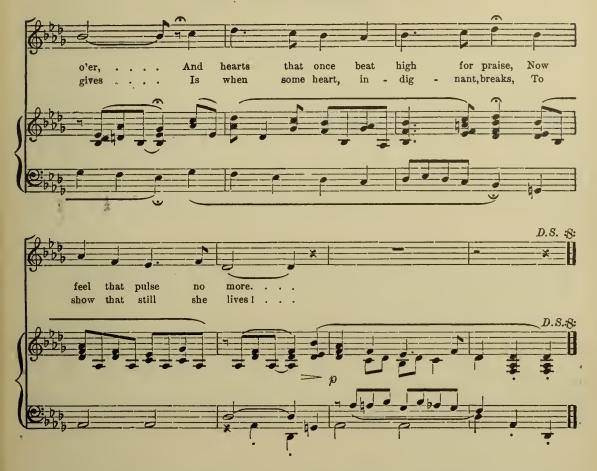




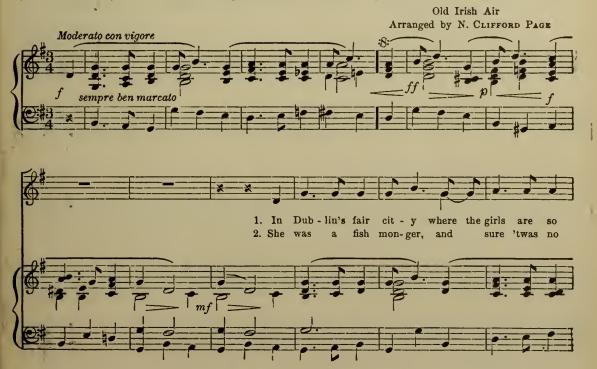
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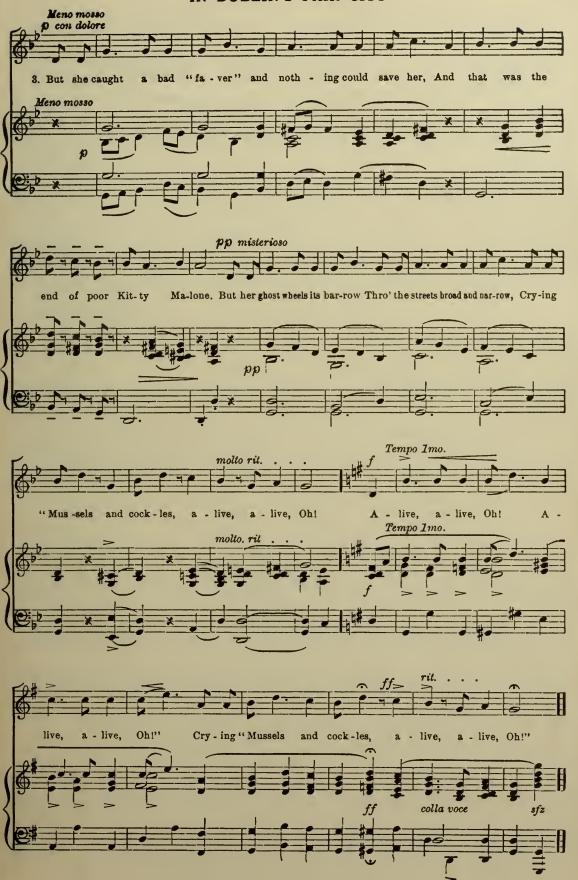


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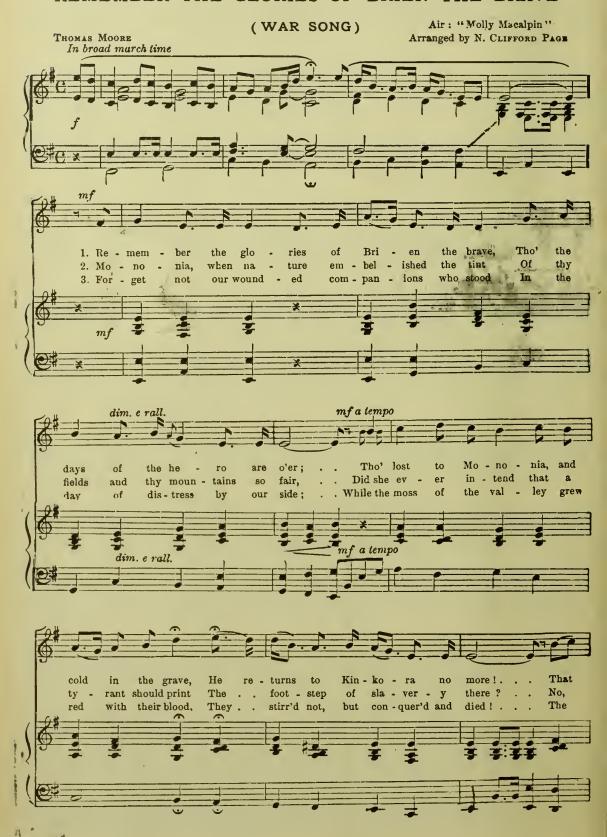


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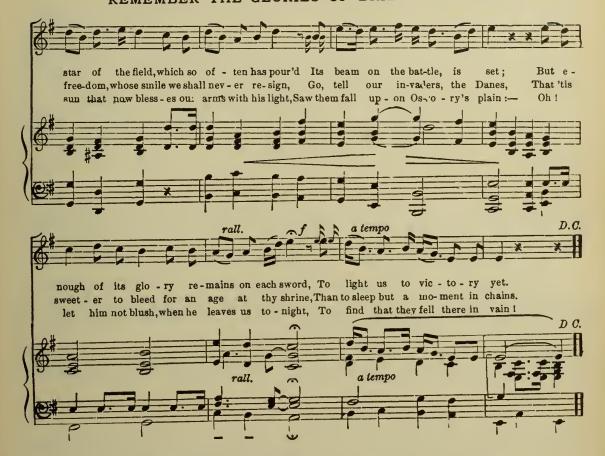




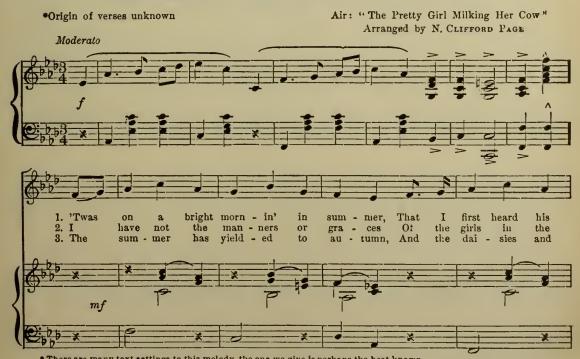
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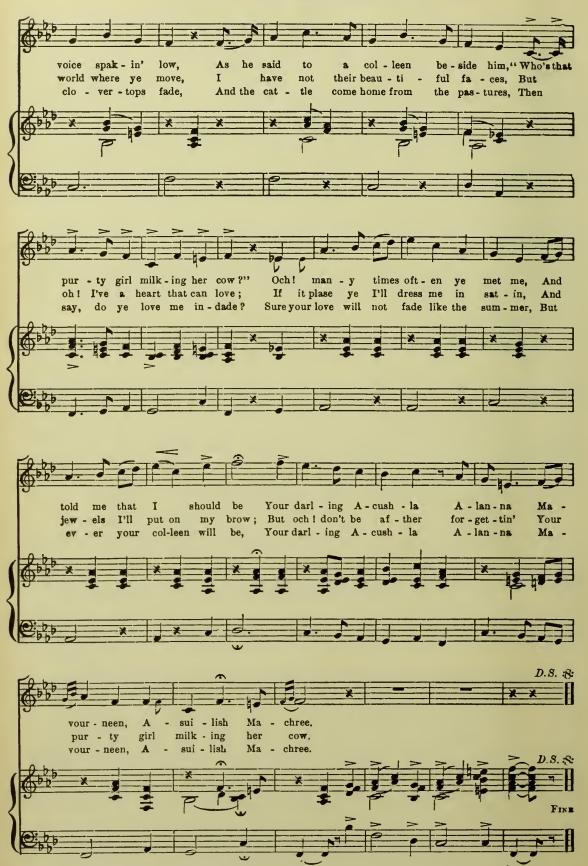


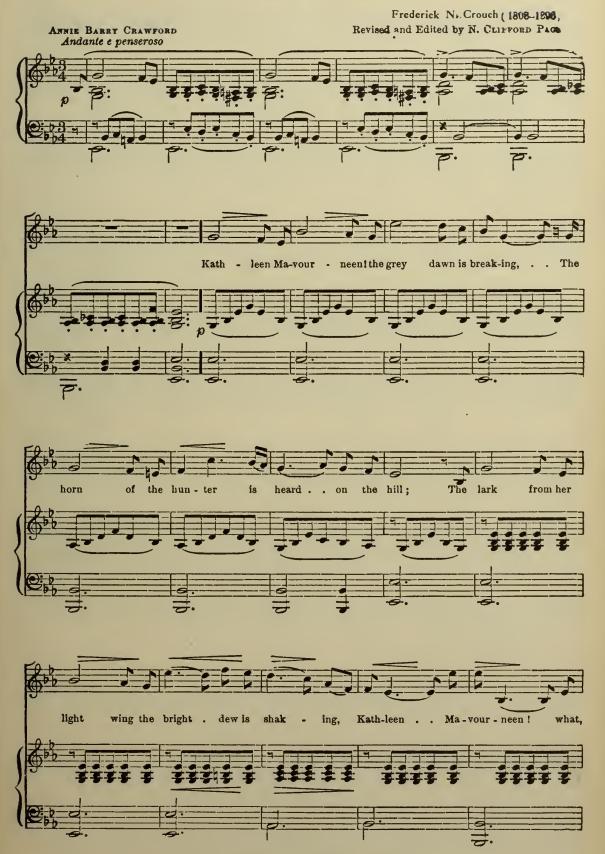
THE PRETTY GIRL MILKING HER COW



• There are many text settings to this melody, the one we give is perhaps the best known.

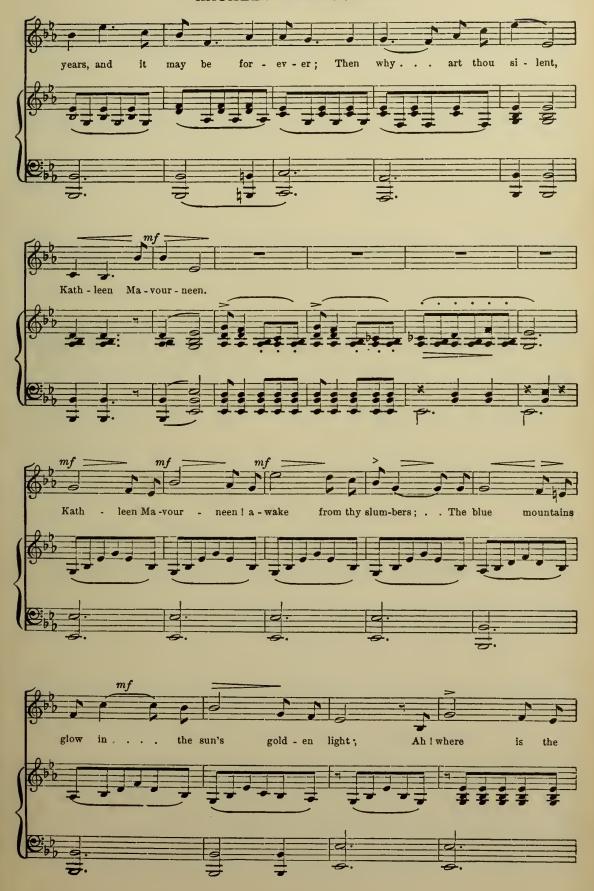
Moore's verses will be found under the title "The valley lay smiling before me," in which the same melody is written in different time, and is most probably authentic.





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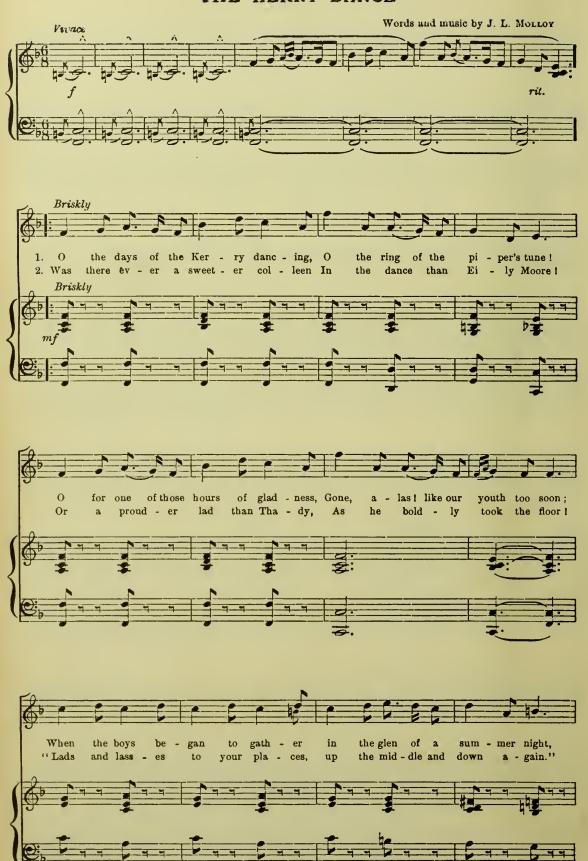








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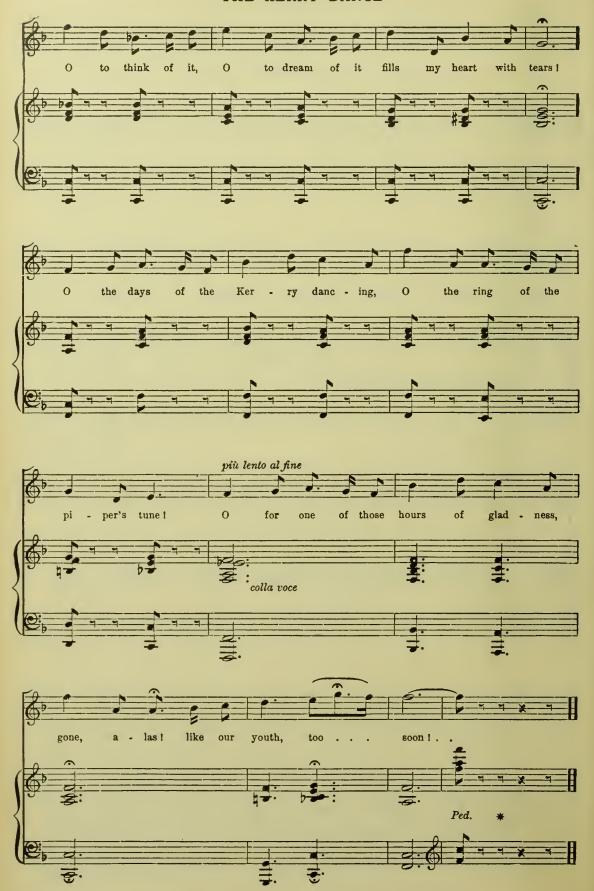


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AVENGING AND BRIGHT



The name of this beautiful and truly Irish air, is, it is said, properly written Cruachan na Fèine, i.e., the Fenian mount, or mount of the Finnian heroes.

The words of this song were suggested by the very ancient Irish story called "Deirdri, or the lamentable fate of the sons of Usnach," which has been translated literally from the Gaelic, by Mr. O'FLANAGAN. The treachery of Conor, king of Ulster, in putting to death the three sons of Usna, was the cause of a desolating war against Ulster, which terminated in the destruction of Eman. "This story (says Mr. O'FLANAGAN) has heen from time immemorial, held in high repute as one of the three tragic stories of the Irish. These are 'The death of the Children of Touran,' 'The death of the Children of Lear' (both regarding Tuatha da Danans) and this, 'The death of the Children of Usnach,' which is a Milesian story." For the story of the Children of Lear or Lir: see "Silent, ch Movie!"

* "O Naisi! view the cloud that I here see in the sky! I see over Eman green a chilling cloud of blood-tinged red." Detract's Song. † Ulster.



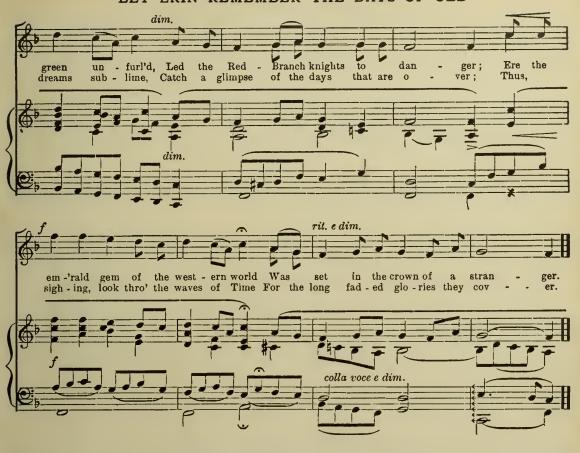
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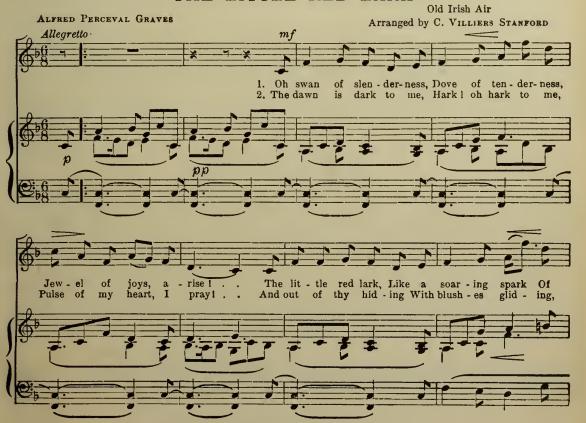
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THE LITTLE RED LARK



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Allegretto scherzando



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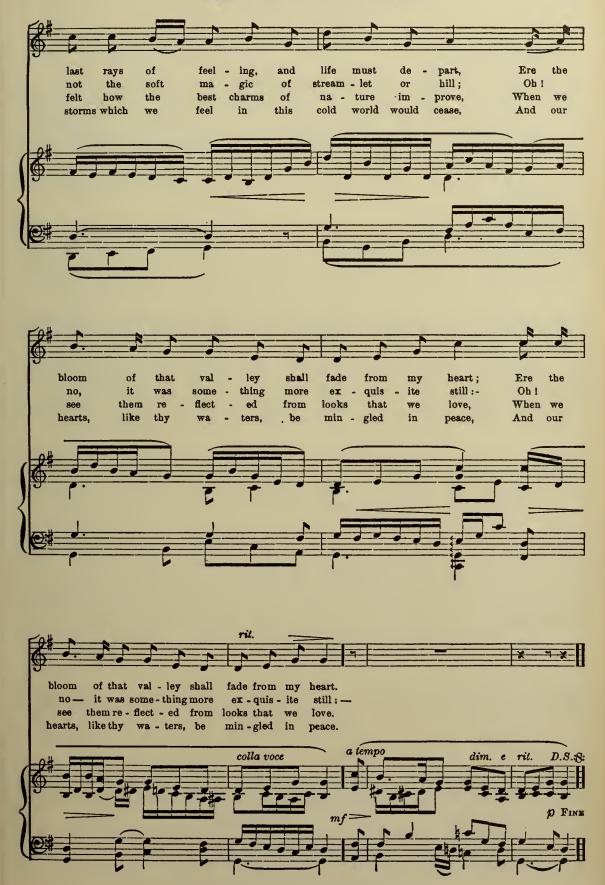
THE MEETING OF THE WATERS*



[•] The "meeting of the waters" forms a part of that beautiful scenery which lies between Rathdrum and Arklow, in the county of Wicklow; the lines were suggested to Moore during a visit to the spot in 1807.

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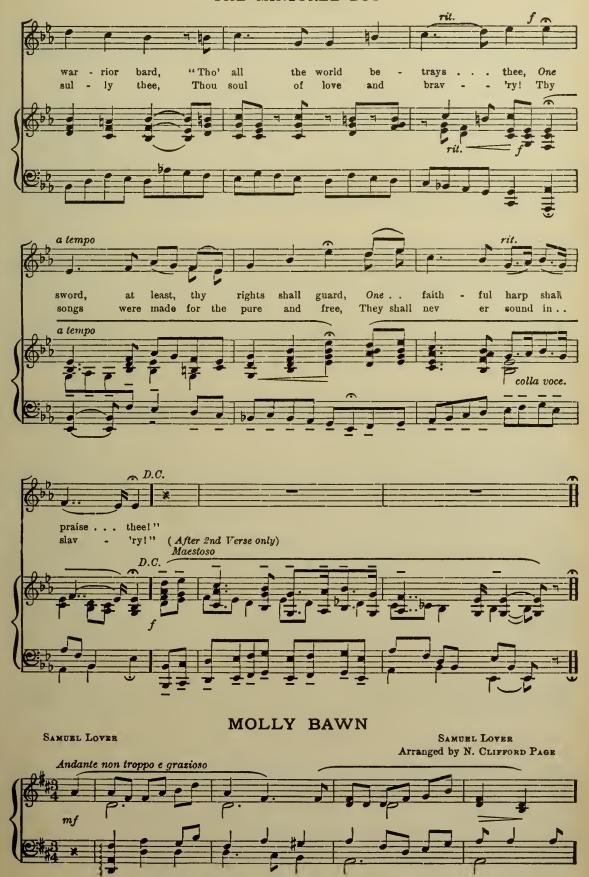
The rivers Avon and Avoca.



THE MINSTREL BOY



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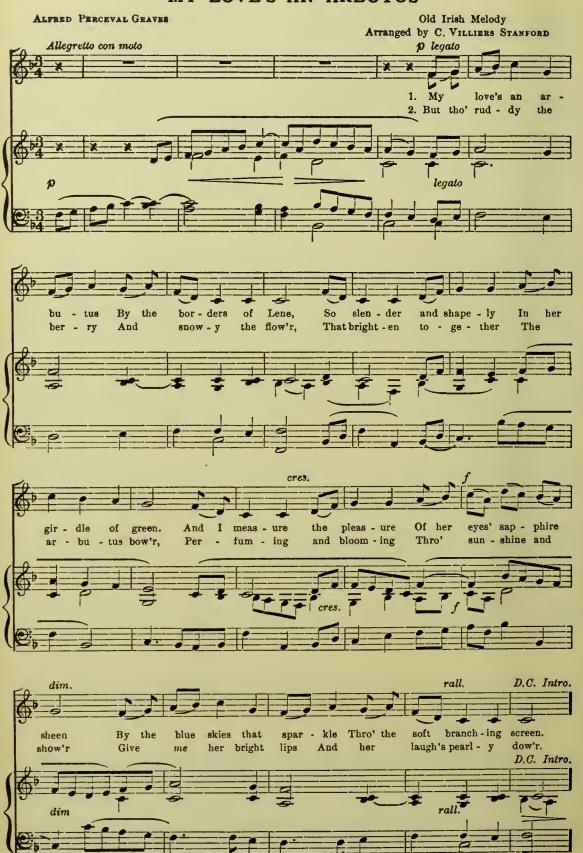


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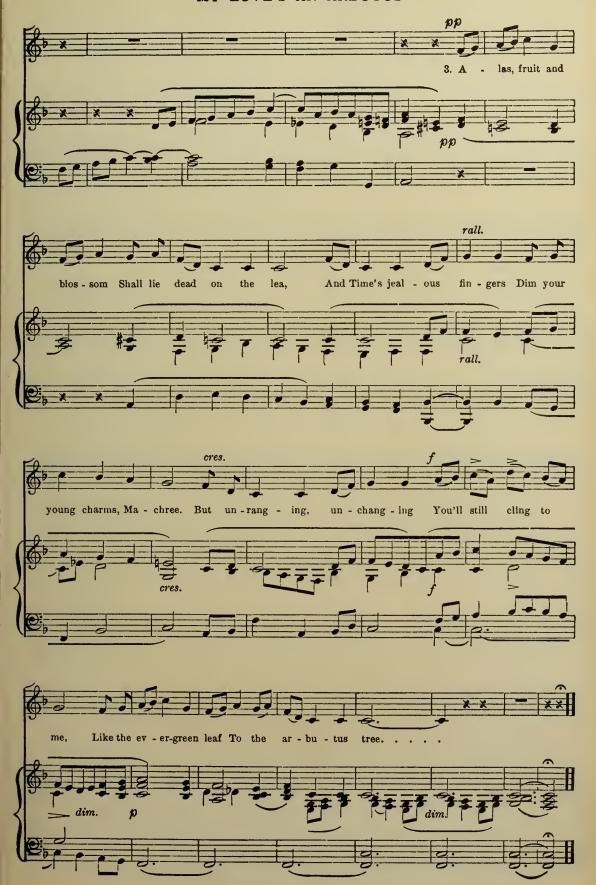




MY LOVE'S AN ARBUTUS

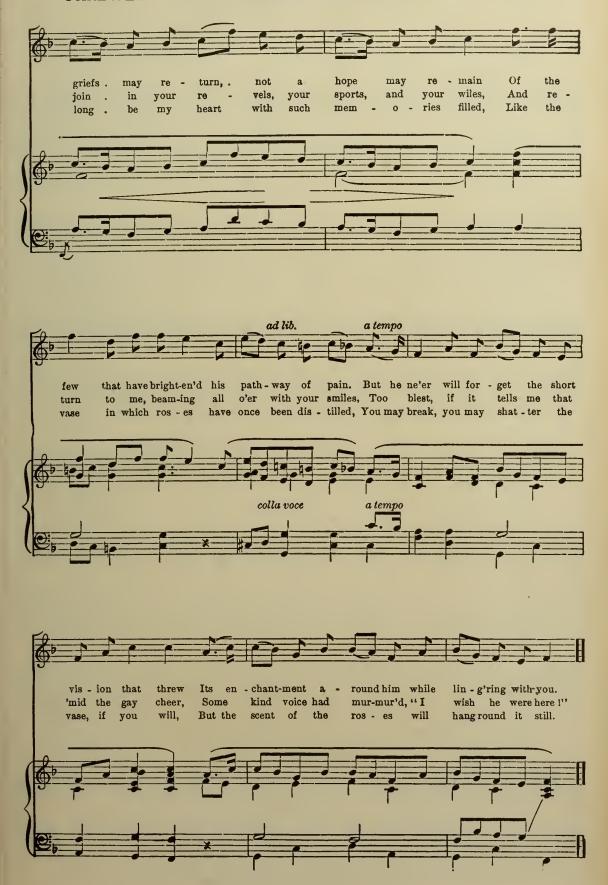


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FAREWELL! BUT WHENEVER YOU WELCOME THE HOUR





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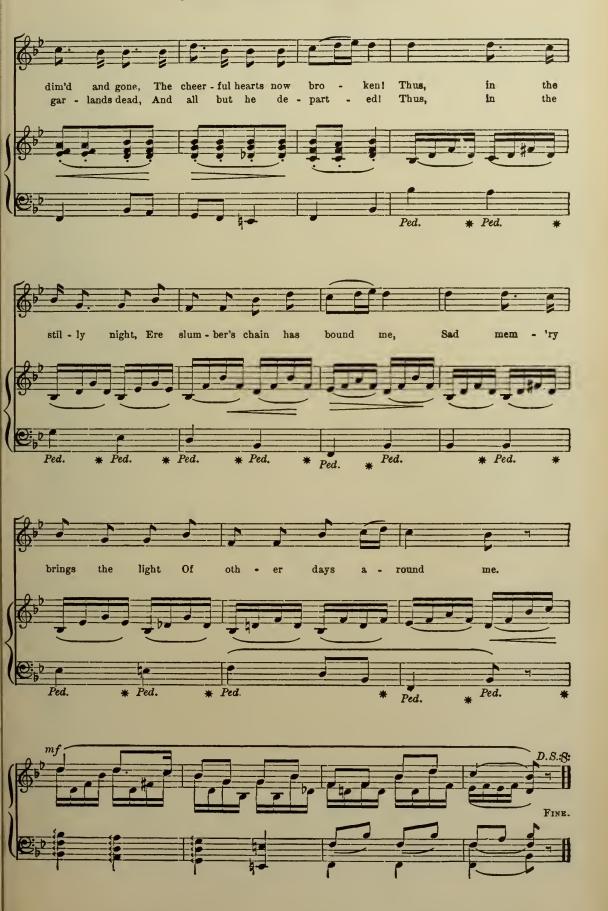
OFF TO PHILADELPHIA



OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT



When this song first appeared in 1818, the melody was called "Scots Air," but it is possibly the composition of Sir John Stevenson, the musical collaborateur with Thomas Moore.



OH! I'M NOT MYSELF AT ALL



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RICH AND RARE WERE THE GEMS SHE WORE



This baliad is founded upon the following anecdote:—"The people were inspired with such a spirit of honor, virtue, and religion, by the great example of Brien, and by his excellent administration, that, as a proof of it, we are informed that a young lady of great beauty, adorted with jewels and a costly dress, undertook a journey alone from one end of the kingdom to the other, with a wand only in her hand, at the top of which was a ring of exceeding great value: and such an impression had the laws and government of this monarch made on the minds of all the people, that no attempt was made upon her honor, nor was she robbed of her ciothes or jewels."—WARNER'S HISTORY OF IRELAND, Vol. I., Book 10.



SILENT, O MOYLE, BE THE ROAR OF THY WATER (SONG OF FIONNUALA*)



Fionnuala, the daughter of Lir, was by some supernatural power transformed into a swan, and condemned to wander for many hundred years overcertain lakes and rivers, in Ireland, till the coming of Christianity, when the first sound of the Massbell was to be the signal of her release.

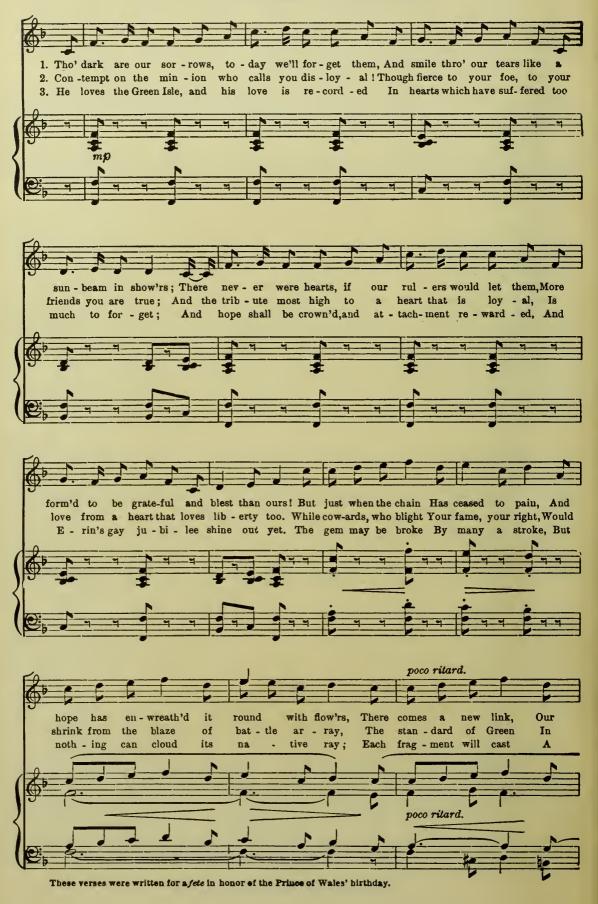


THO' DARK ARE OUR SORROWS

(THE PRINCE'S DAY)



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SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

M. J. BARRY

1

Oh! blest be the days when the Green Banner floated,
Sublime o'er the mountains of free Innisfail,
When her sons to her glory and freedom devoted,
Defied the invader to tread her soil.
When back o'er the main they chased the Dane,
And gave to religion and learning their spoil,
When valor and mind, together combined,
But wherefor lament o'er the glories departed?
Her star shall shine out with as vivid a ray,
For ne'er had she children more brave and true-hearted,
Than those she now sees on St. Patrick's day.

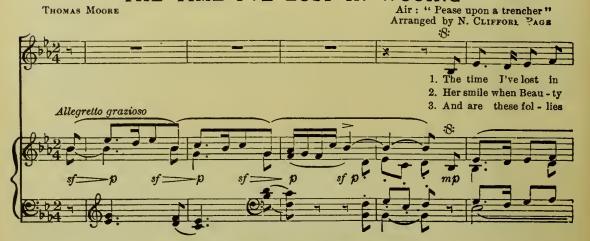
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Her sceptre, alas! passed away to the stranger,
And treason surrendered what valor had held;
But true hearts remained amid darkness and danger,
Which, spite of her tyrants, would not be quelled.
Oft, oft, through the night flashed gleams of light,
Which almost the darkness of bondage dispelled;
But a star now is near, her heaven to cheer,
Not like the wild gleams which so fitfully darted,
But long to shine down its hallowing ray,
On daughters as fair, and sons as true-hearted,
As Erin beholds on St. Patrick's day.

3

Oh! blest be the hour, when begirt by her cannon,
And hailed as it rose by a nation's applause,
The flag waved aloft o'er the spire of Dungannon,
Asserting for Irishmen, Irish Laws.
Once more shall it wave, o'er hearts as brave,
Despite of the dastards who mock at her cause,
And like brothers agreed, whatever their creed,
Her children, inspired by those glories departed,
No longer in darkness desponding will stay,
But join in her cause like the brave and true-hearted,
Who rise for their rights on St. Patrick's day.

THE TIME I'VE LOST IN WOOING



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• This alludes to a kind of Irish fairy, which is to be met with, they say, in the fields at dusk;—as long as you keep your eyes upon him, he is fixed, and in your power; but the moment you look away (and he is ingenious in furnishing some inducement) he vanishes.

'TIS THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER



The air is best known as The Groves of Blarney, but among other versions may be mentioned The Young Man's Dream, Castle Hyde, The Cottage adjoining the Fall, etc., and it is said that the verses Bells of Shandon, were originally written to the same air. With a German translation of Moore's verses, it was introduced in Flotow's opera Martha, and this arrangement is most widely known at the present day.

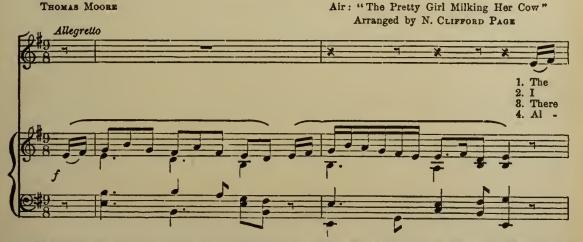
'TIS THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER



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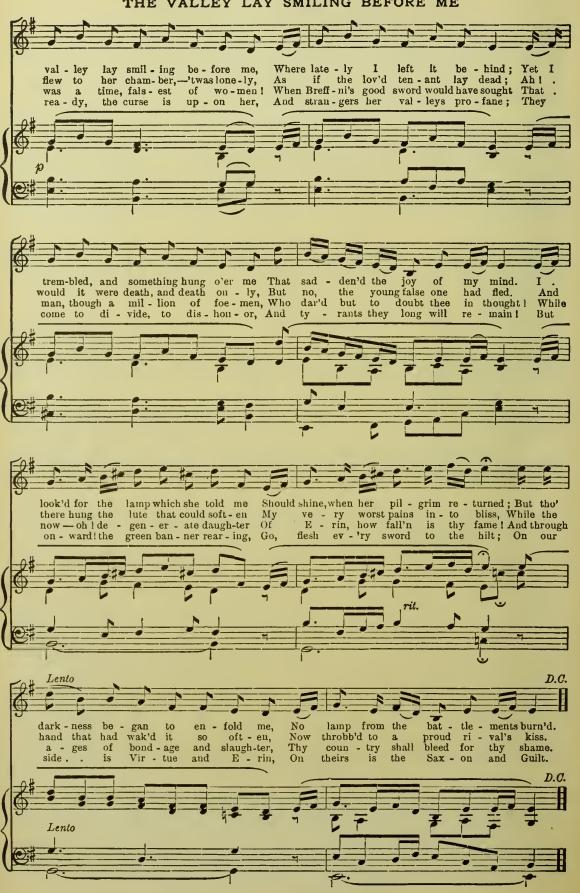
THE VALLEY LAY SMILING BEFORE ME

(SONG OF O'RUARK, PRINCE OF BREFFNI)

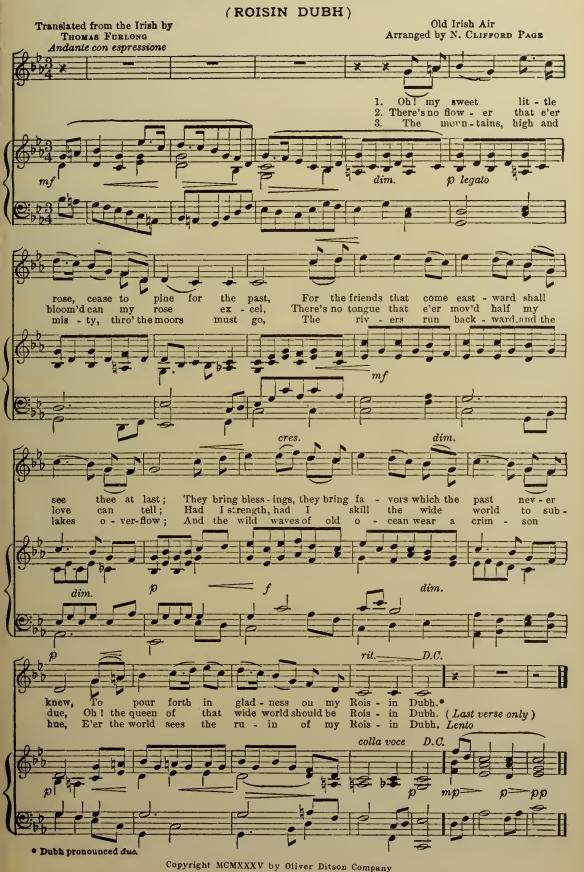


These stanzas are founded upon an event of meiancholy importance; if, as we are toid by Irish historians, it gave England the first opportunity of dividing, conquering, and ensiaving Ireland. The following are the circumstances, as related by O'Halloran. "The King of Leinster had long conceived a violent affection for Dearbhorgil, daughter to the King of Meath, and though she had been for some time married to O'Ruark, Prince of Brefini, yet it could not restrain his passion. They carried on a private correspondence, and she informed him that O'Ruark intended soon to go on a pilgrimage (an act of piety frequent in those days), and conjured him to embrace that opportunity of conveying her from a husband she detested to a lover she adored. Mac Murchad too punctually obeyed the summons, and had the lady conveyed to his capital of Ferns"—The monarch Boderic espoused the cause of O'Ruark, while Murchad fied to England and obtained the assistance of Henry II.

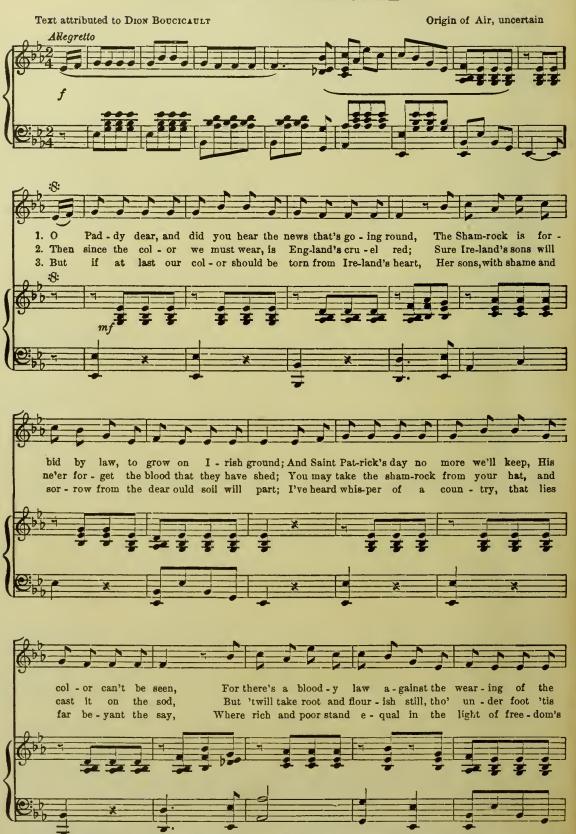
THE VALLEY LAY SMILING BEFORE ME



OH! MY SWEET LITTLE ROSE



WEARIN' OF THE GREEN



This song was sung throughout Ireland subsequently to 1798, and there are several versions of text and melody. The merody is generally believed to be an adaptation of a March, "The Tulip," composed by James Oswald in 1757.



WE MAY ROAM THRO' THIS WORLD



• Garryowen (Owen's Garden) is a suburb of Limerick

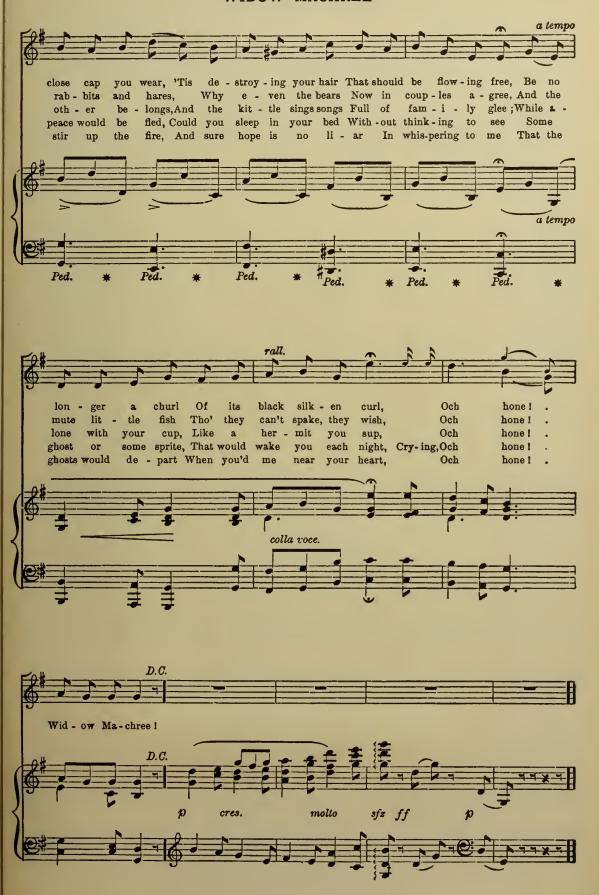
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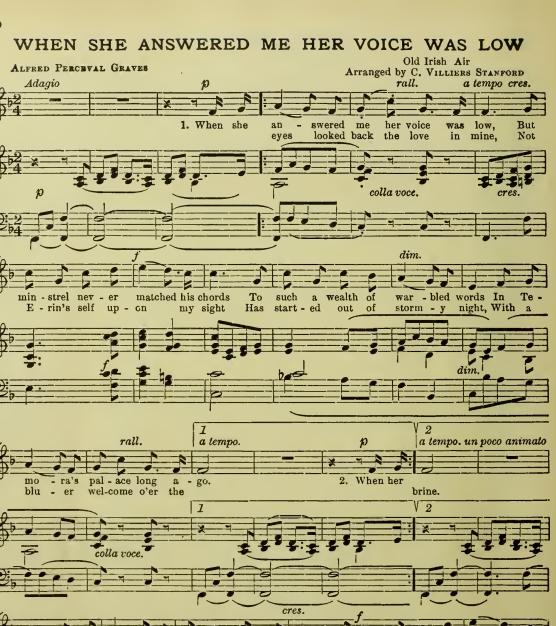


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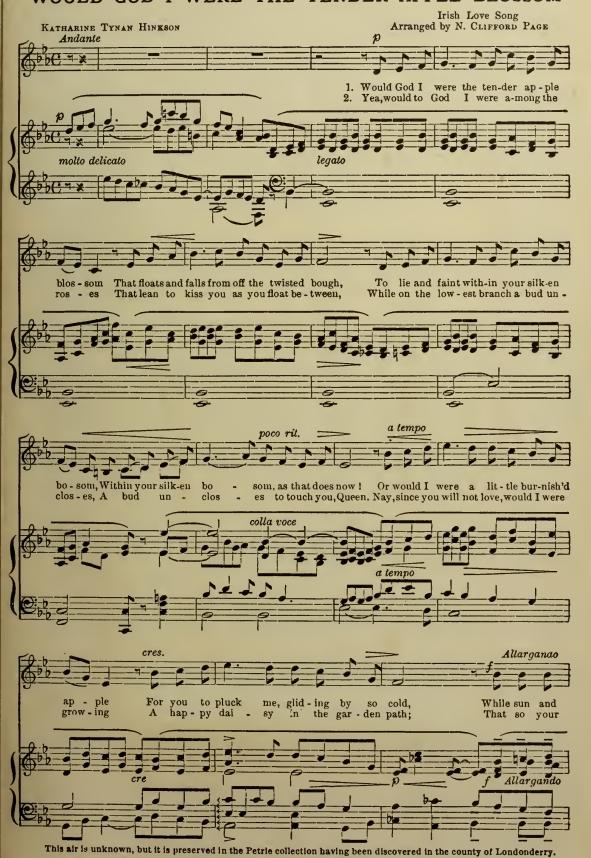
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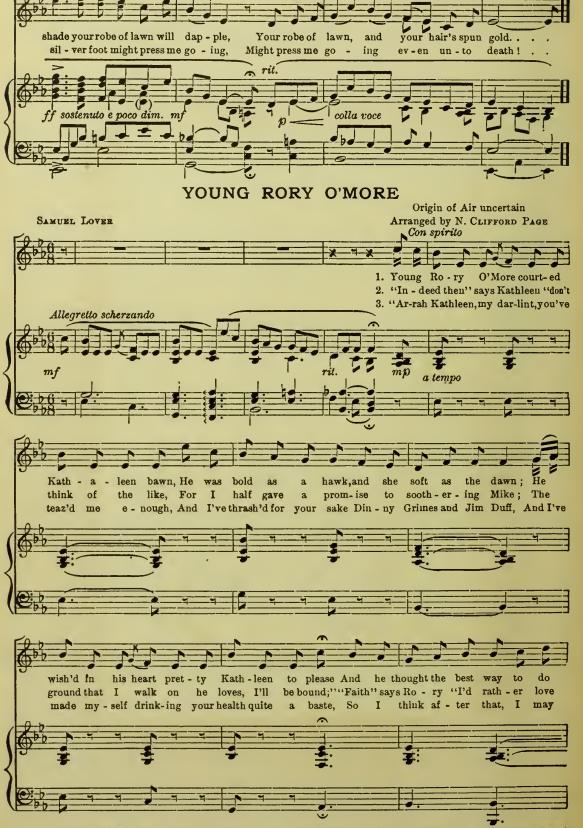
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